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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN SOLDIER DEFECTS

1. ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY 17 PRESS REPORTS, THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ANNOUNCED THE JANUARY 16 DEFECTION OF A NORTH KOREAN SOLDIER. YI SOK-MO, 17 YEARS OLD, WAS QUOTED AS EXPLAINING HE FLED SOUTH AFTER STEALING FOOD FROM A SUPERIOR OFFICER. YI SAID NORTH KOREAN SOLDIERS PRESENTLY GET ONLY 200 GRAMS OF THEIR PRESCRIBED 700 GRAM DAILY RATION, AND ADDED THAT THE NORTH NOW DRAFTS YOUTHS AT AGE 16 INSTEAD OF 18.

COMMENT: ROKG HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO USE THIS LATEST DEFECTION TO BUTTRESS ITS CONTENTION THAT FOOD SITUATION IN NORTH IS SERIOUS AND TO CALL FURTHER ATTENTION TO ROK PRESIDENTIAL OFFER TO PROVIDE FOOD TO NORTH KOREANS. YII'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY KCIA. END COMMENT.
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